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## MBA MOURNS LOSS OF COACH FOREHAND

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The team huddled together in shallow right field in various states of distress. They had just suffered a 0-4 shutout by Lipscomb, but that was not what was bothering them. Some were hunched over sobbing in each other's arms; others were too shocked to know what had just happened. The Coach's words were short and to the point. He said, "Today at 4:30 in the middle of the game I was

He then went on to explain the details of

Awards. District 11-AAA Coach of the Year in 1991

they played was more important than winning.

gentlemen first, then athletes.

To see a testament to his greatness, one only had to attend his visitation or funeral to see how many people came out to pay their respects. He was truly a great man who touched many people's lives.

Coach Forehand was always a fighter. Most people would have given up after battling a disease for nearly four years, but



informed that Coach Forehand had passed away."

There was total silence until muffled cries began to be heard from all directions. We collapsed as if the life had been sucked out of us. The Coach then said, "This game means nothing anymore, baseball will have to wait for a while."

the funeral and what was going to happen over the next few days but no one was listening. They were too shocked to care. Coach Forehand had a lifelong commitment to

and 1992, it is fitting that in 1993, his final season of coaching, he led his team to the state championship.

He will always be remembered for his service and dedication to the game of baseball, but there were other aspects of his life that were less obvious.

He was dedicated to teaching not only baseball but teaching young men life and how to act. He always stressed how his teams played; that how

He wanted his teams to have standards of fair play and respect. While other teams were yelling at us and making fun of us, we were supposed to



cheer for our team and play the game as best as we could. All he ever asked was that everyone try their very best. He taught us how to be

he continued fighting in hopes of returning to coach again some day. His recovery however was not to be, and we know that he has now gone to a better place. Coach Forehand, we all loved and respected you, we will miss you, and we will always remember you.



## MBA Baseball Concludes 1994 Season



**Loren Nash**

### First Base

Going into post season play, the Big Red was very confident of its chances. At the conclusion of regular season play, however, the team was crushed by the news that their much beloved and ever-fighting Coach Forehand had succumbed to his four year battle with cancer. District tournament play was delayed

funeral. The following day a determined and fired-up Big Red headed out to Seven Oaks Park to begin the long trip back to the final-four. Its first game in the district tournament was against powerhouse Father Ryan (hiss). MBA easily tossed them aside 5-0. Up next came baseball rival Overton, whom the Big Red had shut out twice earlier this season. Once again, a shutout 7-0; the most runs the Big Red had ever scored against Overton in one game. After a days rest, the

team was confident going into the finals against Overton, who would have to beat MBA twice in order to become district champs. MBA came out with cold bats, but Overton did not. This proved my theory correct in that a team must



score more runs than its opponent scores in order to win the

game. MBA came up short and lost two in a row to Overton: 1-3 and 2-3. The



team was down but still not out. It still had a berth in the region tournament because of its perfect 11-0 regular season district record. The Big Red now faced perennial powerhouse McGavock at their place. Going into this game however, the Big Red appeared shaky and unsure of themselves. Although the pitcher was weak (McGavock's supposed ace),

there was very little hitting, and in the field, there were errors committed everywhere.

Fortunately McGavock was just as weak hitting and fielding for a while. But they proved to play less worse than we played and came out ahead 3-5. This concluded MBA's season and its attempt at defending its state title.

The team would like to thank all of the fans who came out to support the team, we know who you are cause they were not very many and the

same people came out for nearly every game. We would also like to thank the parents who complained only slightly loud enough to be heard and never questioned decisions that were

made.

This next year will prove to be an interesting one as some players will leave as they inevitably do, some will not return, some new faces will emerge, and some will fade away. The entire community will, however, always remember Coach Forehand for his dedication to teaching, baseball, and life. He put a lot into this community and touched all of our lives greatly, we will all miss him dearly.



## Lacrosse TEAM Finishes Runner-up in M.A.L.C



**Keith Claverie**

### Lacrosse Defense

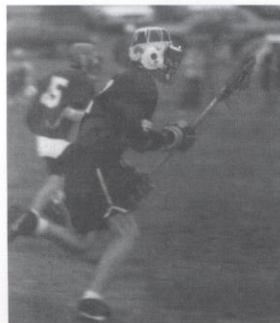
The M.B.A. Lacrosse Team finished out another successful (15-1) season with a State Champion-

Lacrosse Conference Championship.

The team had two All-Americans this year, Hugh Gaston and Anton Hie.

In the State Tournament, MBA breezed past Brentwood and Christian Brothers to an easy fourth State title.

In the M.A.L.C. tournament finals, Lewis Jones, Tommy Brown, Anton Hie, Hugh Gaston, and Mark Garton each contributed goals in the disappointing 27-5 loss.



ship and the Runner-Up Trophy for the Mid-American

Although unable to repeat as M.A.L.C. Champions, the players on

this 1994 team represent a



90% winning record.



Kirk Howell and Tyler Coleman were

two underclassmen whose performance was instrumental in Big Red success. Kirk will no doubt be in the running for All-American status for his Junior or Senior year.

However, the Lacrosse team will need to draw on the sup-



port of even more underclassmen next year, as Seniors Hie, Garton, Gaston, Brown, Claverie, English, Jones, and Lehman graduate, moving on to bigger and better things.

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